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SUBJ: INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING, COST- SHARING PERIOD 1975-1979

REFS: A. STATE 156318, 25 AUG 72

B. STATE 123101, 22 JUNE 73

C. NATO DOCUMENT AC/4- DS/904, 26 JUNE 73

BEGIN SUMMARY. THIS SUBJECT CONSIDERED IN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ON 26 JUNE 1973. IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ALL DELEGATIONS PREFERRED SLICE XXV WITHIN PRESENT SLICE GROUP, BUT UNITED KINGDOM PREFERRED IT BE FUNDED WITHIN THE CEILING TO BE SET FOR THE NEXT COST- SHARING PERIOD. NOTED UNITED STATES COULD SUPPORT A CEILING OF IAU 600 MILLION FOR NEXT SLICE GROUP WITH A US PERCENTAGE SHARE OF 18.5 PCT. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON SLICE XXV AND NOT ON THE MAGNITUDE AND COST- SHARING OF THE NEXT SLICE GROUP. END SUMMARY.

1. PARA 4 OF REF B. REQUESTS REPORT AFTER EACH MEETING WHERE THIS SUBJECT IS CONSIDERED.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS EXTRACT FROM REF C REPORTING ON CONFIDENTIAL

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INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE' S CONSIDERATION THIS SUBJECT ON 26 JUNE 1973:

QTE II. STATUS OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING- COST SHARING

PERIOD 1975-1979. THE COMMITTEE:

A. SLICE XXV

(1) TOOK NOTE OF THE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION, HELD ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, DURING WHICH ALL DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR PHYSICAL RETENTION OF SLICE XXV WITHIN THE PRESENT SLICE GROUP, A MAJORITY BEING IN FAVOR OF FUNDING THIS SLICE WITHIN THE PRESENT COST- SHARING PERIOD, WHICH WOULD ENTAIL THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS, THE AMOUNT OF WHICH WOULD BE DETERMINED THROUGH THE NORMAL SLICE SCREENING PROCESS;

(2) NOTED THAT ONE NATION, WHILE AGREEING TO THE PHYSICAL RETENTION OF SLICE XXV WITHIN THE PRESENT SLICE GROUP, PREFERRED THAT IT BE FUNDED WITHIN THE CEILING TO BE SET FOR THE NEXT COST- SHARING PERIOD IN ORDER TO AVOID THE NEED TO PROVIDE FUNDS OVER AND ABOVE THE CEILING FOR THE PRESENT SLICE GROUP.

B. NEXT SLICE GROUP AND ITS COST SHARING ARRANGEMENTS

(3) NOTED THE STATEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE THAT HIS AUTHORITIES SUPPORTED A CEILING OF IAU 600 MILLION FOR THE NEXT SLICE GROUP WITH A UNITED STATES PERCENTAGE SHARE OF 18 1/2 PCT; HIS DELEGATION WOULD SUPPLY FURTHER DETAILS AND EXPLANATIONS OF THIS PROPOSAL IN WRITING;

C. GENERAL

(4) INVITED DELEGATIONS TO SUBMIT, BY FRIDAY 6 TH JULY AT THE LATEST, IN WRITING AND FOR INTERNAL DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY, THE PRELIMINARY VIEWS OR POSITIONS HELD BY THEIR AUTHORITIES; UNQTE.

3. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT LETTER OF 26 JUNE 1973 TO THE CONTROLLER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FROM THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE FULFILLS THE REQUIREMENT STATED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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PARAS II. B. AND C. OF REF C QUOTED ABOVE. THIS LETTER, QUOTED AS FOLLOWS: DRAWS UPON REFS A AND B:

QTE AS CONCERNS THE STATUS OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING- COST- SHARING PERIOD 1975-1979 ( DPC/ D(73)10), THIS RESPONDS TO REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, REFERENCE PARA VIII. C. OF AC/4- DS/ 903.

IN SUMMARY, THE US POSITION ON THE FOUR ISSUES CITED IN REFERENCE IS AS FOLLOWS:

( I) ON THE LEVEL OF FUNDING OF THE NEXT FIVE- YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, THE US SUPPORTS A NEW FIVE- YEAR

CEILING OF IAU 600 MILLION.

( II) ON THE METHOD OF FUNDING OF SLICE XXV, THE US SUPPORTS A NORMAL SIZED SLICE XXV AS THE LAST OF THE CURRENT SLICE GROUP. IT PRESENTLY APPEARS THAT THIS WOULD ENTAIL PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THIS GROUP ON THE ORDER OF IAU 50-55 MILLION.

( III) THE US CONSIDERS A NEW POLICY OF COMPARISON OF BIDS WITHOUT DUTIES AND TAXES SHOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS A PROBLEM WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE AGREEMENT ON THE NEXT FIVE- YEAR COST- SHARING PERIOD CAN BE REACHED.

( IV) CONCERNING THE COST- SHARING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT SLICE GROUP, THE US CANNOT ACCEPT A US COST SHARE GREATER THAN NOW EXISTS WHEN THE EDIP CONTRIBUTION IS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. ON THIS BASIS, THE US COST PERCENTAGE WOULD BE 18.5 PCT, BASED ON THE PRESENT COST- SHARING GROUP BEING IAW 250 MILLION PLUS THE IAU 150 MILLION EDIP PROGRAM. UNQTE.

4. NEXT INFRASTRUCTURE MEETING IN WHICH THIS SUBJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED WILL BE 10 JULY 1973. PROPOSED POSITION TO BE TAKEN AT THAT MEETING IS THAT DESCRIBED IN LETTER REFERRED TO IN PARA 3 ABOVE. PRENDERGAST

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